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SUBJECT: QADHAFI URGED TO DEAL FIRMLY WITH OPPOSITION
AND "CAPITALISTS"

1. A SERIES OF ARTICLES IS APPEARING IN THE LIBYAN PRESS BY
SAAD MUJBAR, DIRECTOR OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY. MUJBAR IS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF MOBIL AND A YOUNG
INTELLECTUAL WHO HAS HAD HIS DIFFERENCES WITH QADHAFI IN THE
PAST, BUT NOW SEEMS TO BE CLOSE TO HIM AGAIN.

2. MUJBAR'S ARTICLES TAKE THE FORM OF AN EXTENDED COMMENTARY
ON QADHAFI'S SEPTEMBER 1 SPEECH, IN WHICH HE VOWED DIRE
RETRIBUTION FOR OPPOSITION FROM ANY QUARTER. MUJBAR SAYS
THAT DURING THE FIRST SIX YEARS OF THE "REVOLUTION", THE
REGIME IMAGINED IT COULD REFORM PEOPLE BY TREATING THEM KINDLY.
THIS WAS A MISTAKE. NOW (THAT IS, AFTER THE MUHAYSHI AFFAIR,
ALTHOUGH MUJBAR DOES NOT MAKE THIS EXPLICIT) ALL OLD REGIME
FIGURES MUST BE BARRED FROM ANY POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN
GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE COMPANIES. THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS MUST
BE ABRIDGED, AND LONG-OVERDUE INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE INTO
THE SOURCE OF THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS. THESE "CAPITALISTS,
OPPORTUNISTS, AND EXPLOITERS OF THE PEOPLE'S RESOURCES THOSE
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WHO GIVE PREFERENCE TO COMPANIES AND EMBASSIES OVER THE

PEOPLES'S WELFARE" ARE NOW TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE "SOCIALIST"
MEASURES RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE REGIME (TRIPOLI 1010).

3. COMMENT: MUBJAR'S ARTICLE IS A REFLECTION OF THE IN-
FIGHTING WHICH CONTINUES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MUHAYSHI
AFFAIR AND RECENT MEASURES AGAINST THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISH-
MENT, WHICH IS FIGHTING A REAR-GUARD ACTION TO PREVENT THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF QADHAFI'S STATED INTENTION TO DO AWAY
WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
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